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SUBJECT: REPORT TO GATT ON US SECTION 22 PROGRAMS

1. DRAFT TSC-73-51 (OCTOBER 1) REPORT TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES ON US SEC. 22 IMPORTS PRESENTS JUSTIFICATION FOR US IMPORT RESTRICTIONS SAME AS IN EARLIER YEARS DESPITE PRESENT VASTLY DIFFERENT MARKET SITUATION FOR MANY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. IN OUR VIEW JUSTIFICATION IN DRAFT PAPER UNTENABLE FOR CERTAIN COMMODITIES IN SHORT SUPPLY (WHEAT) AND MAY SUBJECT US TO SEVERE CRITICISM BY SOME CP'S. TO MINIMIZE THIS WE SUGGEST ADDING INTRODUCTORY NOTE ALONG LINES PARA 2 BELOW:

2. IN VIEW OF VASTLY DIFFERENT MARKET SITUATIONS PREVAILING IN REPORTING PERIOD AS COMPARED WITH EARLIER YEARS, THE US GOVERNMENT IS CLOSELY WATCHING WORLDWIDE DEVELOPMENTS IN DEMAND AND SUPPLIES TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THERE IS NEED FOR CONTINUATION OF SUCH IMPORT

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CONTROLS FOR CERTAIN COMMODITIES. THE JUSTIFICATION PRESENTED IN THIS REPORT FOR IMPORT CONTROLS FOR CERTAIN

PRODUCTS SUCH AS WHEAT WITH WORLDWIDE SHORTAGES SHOULD BE VIEWED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SITUATION PREVAILING MOST OF THE REPORTING PERIOD WHEN FUTURE DIMENSIONS OF SHORTAGES COULD NOT BE FORESEEN. SIMILARLY, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE AT THE PRESENT TIME WHETHER THE CURRENT TIGHT SUPPLIES FOR CERTAIN COMMODITIES INDICATE A PERMANENT OR ONLY A TEMPORARY PHENOMENA. CONTINUED IMPORT CONTROLS FOR SOME COMMODITIES AT THE PRESENT TIME ARE IN ANY CASE LARGELY WITHOUT EFFECT SINCE THEIR REMOVAL WOULD BE MOST UNLIKELY TO LEAD TO IMPORTS ABOVE THE LEVEL OF CURRENT RESTRICTIONS. AS NOTED IN THE REPORT, WHERE FOREIGN SUPPLIES ARE MORE ABUNDANT, E.G., SKIM MILK POWDER, US RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY LIBERALIZED. BASSIN

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